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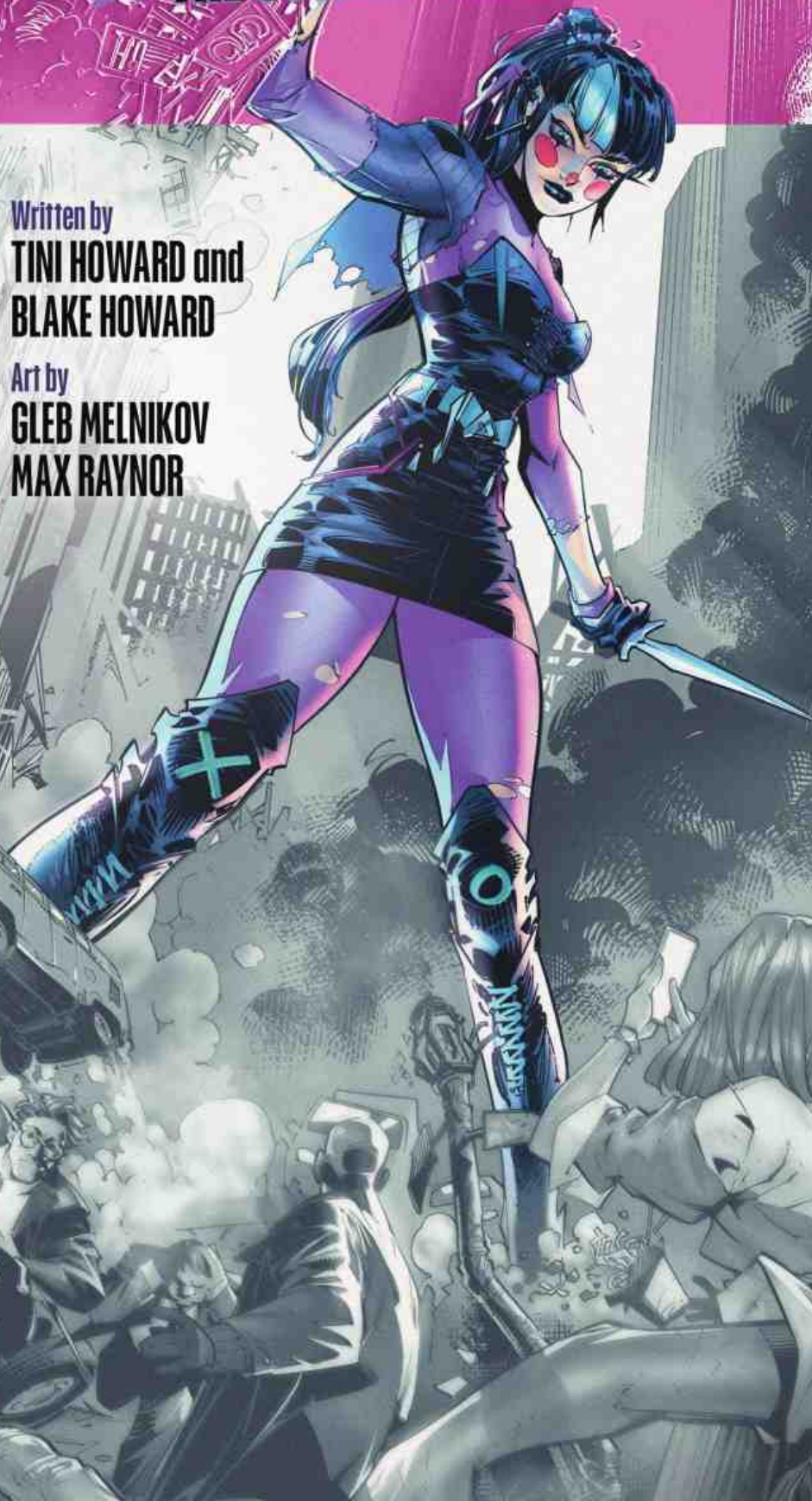
The New Queen of Crime!

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THE GOTHAM GAME

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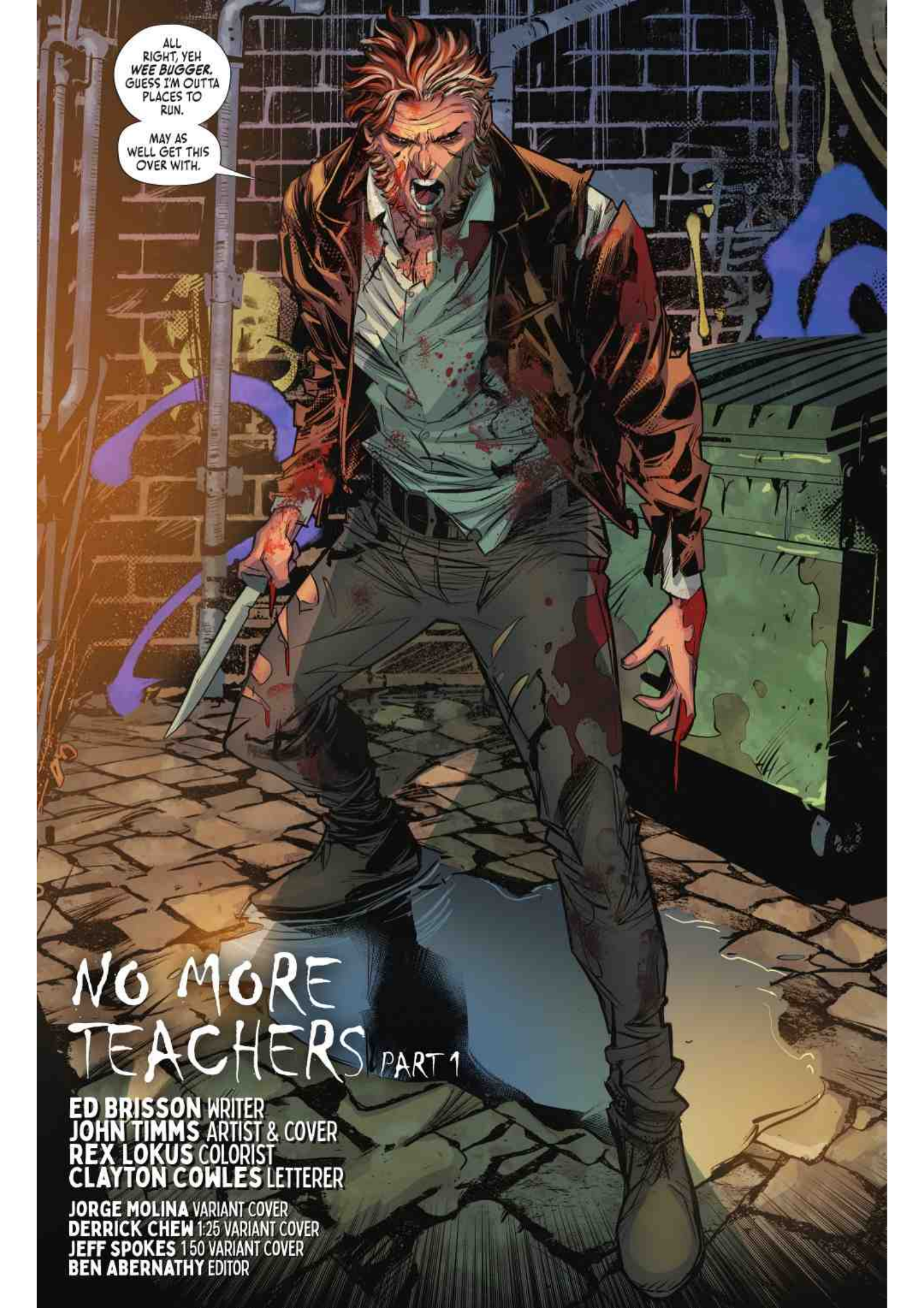
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AH...



...DAMMIT.



ALL
RIGHT, YEH
WEE BUGGER.
GUESS I'M OUTTA
PLACES TO
RUN.

MAY AS
WELL GET THIS
OVER WITH.

NO MORE TEACHERS

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AYE, THAT'S
A BIT MUCH,
INNIT?

YOU WANT
TO SOLVE THIS
CRIME, YOU GOTTA
PUT UP WITH HER
MAJESTY'S GRAND
ENTRANCES.

BLACK MIST, IT'S BEEN
A MINUTE.

SO IT HAS.

NICE TO
SEE YOU FITTIN' INTO
THE KNIGHT ROLE THE
WAY YOU HAVE.

GIVEN ANY MORE THOUGHT TO
JOINING UP WITH BATMAN
INCORPORATED?

WE COULD USE
ANOTHER WOMAN ON THE
TEAM. DESPERATELY.

APPRECIATE
THE VOTE OF
CONFIDENCE, BUT
I PREFER IT OUT
ON MY OWN.

'SIDES, I
HEARD THAT
GHOST-MAKER
PUT TRACKERS
ON ALL A' YEH.

YEAH. IN OUR UNIFORMS.
IT'S TRUE.

A
WEE INVASIVE,
INNIT?

SURE, UNTIL
YOU'RE TRAPPED IN A
SEWER WITH SOME SORT
OF GIANT RAT-THEMED
METAHUMAN AND
NEED A SAVE.

THOUGHT BLACK MIST
WAS DEAD.

NAME ME A SUPERHERO WHO
AIN'T DIED AT ONE POINT
OR ANOTHER.

YEH ASK ME,
I THINK THEY FAKE
THEIR DEATHS SO THEY CAN
TAKE A VACATION WITHOUT
FOLKS BLAMIN' THEM FOR ALL
THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED
WHILE THEY WERE LAID BACK,
SUNNIN' THEIR BUNS ON
THE RIVIERA.

MAYBE
SO...

"...BUT THERE AIN'T NO WAY OL' TOMMY TIVANE" IS COMIN' BACK FROM WHAT THEY DONE TO HIM."

WELL, THE KILLER ISN'T ONE FOR *SUBTLETY*, ARE THEY?

"WHO IS TOMMY TIVANE? CHECK OUT BATMAN #102 TO LEARN MORE! --BEN INC."

KNIVES WERE *DRIVEN* RIGHT INTO THE BRICK. THEY WANTED TO MAKE SURE HE *STAYED* IN PLACE. THAT HE'D BE FOUND LIKE *THIS*.

THEY WANTED TO SEND A *MESSAGE*.

TOMMY'S MADE A WHOLE LOT O' ENEMIES OVER THE YEARS.

LIST A' FOLKS WHO'D WANT TO SEE YER MAN *PINNED UP* LIKE THIS IS LONGER THAN YER RIVER THAMES.

WON'T FIND MANY *SHEDDING TEARS* OVR THIS ONE.

HMMM...

A NOTE.

BURANDA,
NYASIR.

DAMMIT!

MOLINIA, ZANDIA,
BHUTRAN, AND NOW
NYASIR!

ALL OF
LEX LUTHOR'S BATMAN
LABS, DESTROYED. ALL
OF HIS TEST SUBJECTS
GONE AND RECORDS
ERASED.

TEAR
THIS PLACE
APART.

IF THE PEOPLE
WHO DID THIS LEFT
SO MUCH AS A SCRAP
OF A DEAD SKIN
CELL, I WANT IT
FOUND.

NOW!



YOU'VE BEEN
IN ONE OF LEX'S
LABS BEFORE,
GRAY WOLF.

WHAT ARE
WE LOOKING FOR
HERE? WHAT ARE WE
MISSING?

I DON'T KNOW,
EL GAUCHO.

MR. LUTHOR NEVER EXPLAINED WHAT IT WAS
HE WAS DOING TO ME, NOT THAT I WOULD
HAVE UNDERSTOOD.

HE ONLY
PROMISED THAT HE
WOULD MAKE ME INTO
SOMETHING...BETTER.
I DIDN'T QUESTION
IT.

I NEVER
SAW MORE THAN
HE WANTED ME TO.

IS GHOST-MAKER
ALWAYS SO CHEERY,
CLOWNHUNTER?

yeah, batman
japan, he's
a real ray of
sunshine.

JUST
CALL ME
JIRO.



really?

YEAH. FELT
WEIRD THAT EVERYONE
HAD A CODE NAME, AND
I WAS JUST BATMAN
JAPAN. ESPECIALLY WHEN
BAT-MAN OF CHINA
POPPED UP.

STILL FIGURING
OUT A NEW CODENAME.
ALL THE GOOD ONES HAVE
BEEN TAKEN. SO FOR
NOW, JUST JIRO.



WHOEVER WENT THROUGH HERE
WAS THOROUGH.

EVERYTHING'S
BEEN BROKEN OR--

HRMPH.

HOLD
UP!



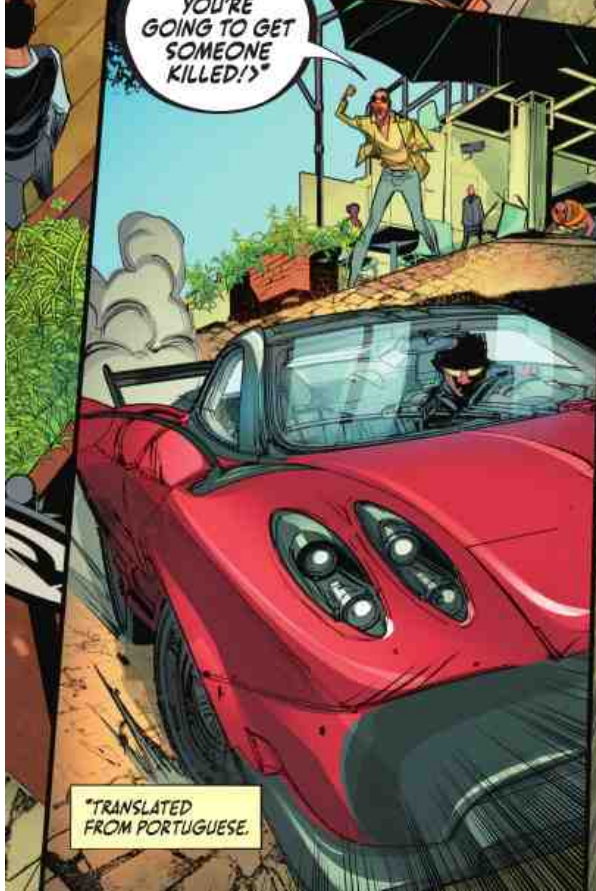
I FOUND
SOMETHING.



RIO DE JANEIRO,
BRAZIL.



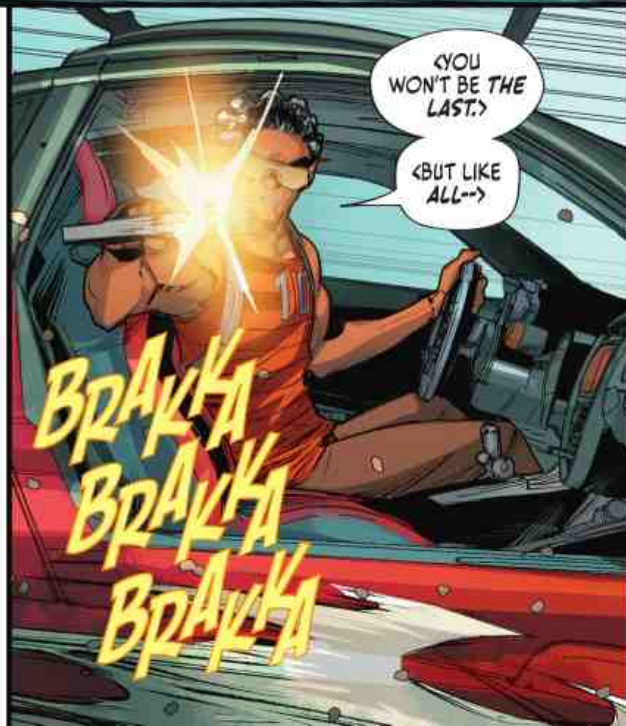
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YOU'RE
GOING TO GET
SOMEONE
KILLED!>

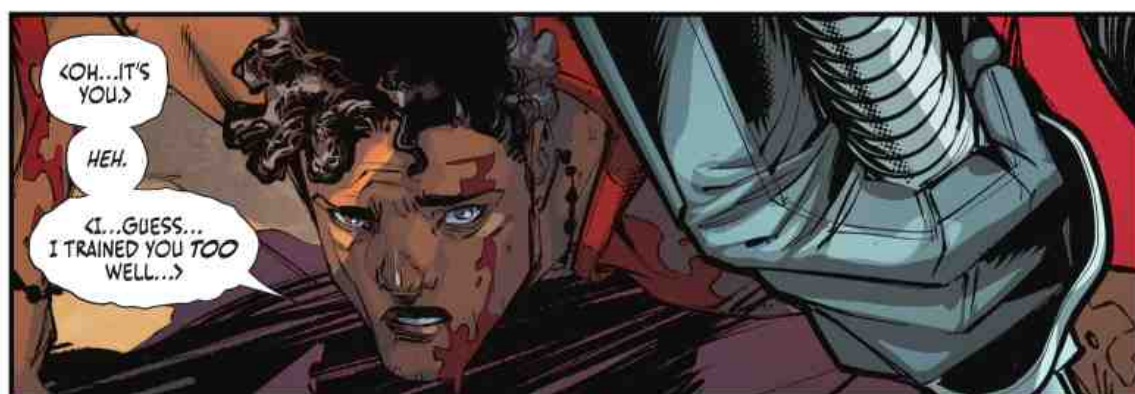


*TRANSLATED
FROM PORTUGUESE.

<YOU
THINK YOU CAN
TAKE DOWN DON
MIGUEL?>







DUBLIN,
IRELAND.

ALL THE
CUTS MADE
BEFORE TOMMY
WAS KILLED WERE
SUPERFICIAL.

TOMMY IS...WAS...THE GREATEST KNIFE MAN IN THE
WORLD. IT'S WHY BATMAN AND I BOTH SOUGHT
HIM OUT TO TRAIN US.

I'M SORRY
FOR YOUR
LOSS.

IT'S NO
LOSS. THE MAN
WAS A CRIMINAL. IT WAS
ONLY A MATTER OF TIME
BEFORE SOMEONE
KILLED HIM.

WHOEVER DID THIS TO HIM...
THEY WERE PLAYING WITH
HIM. HUMILIATING
HIM.

THEY
WANTED TO
PROVE TO HIM
THAT THEY WERE
BETTER WITH
A BLADE.

THEY STUCK
HIM IN THE BRACHIAL
ARTERY FIRST, TAKING AWAY
HIS ABILITY TO USE HIS KNIVES,
THEN THE FEMORAL AND POPLITEAL
ARTERIES, THEN THE AORTA,
FINISHING HIM BY SLASHING
HIS CAROTID ARTERIES
AND JUGULAR.

IT'S OVERKILL,
SHOWY, BUT TELLS
US THAT THE KILLER
KNEW WHAT THEY
WERE DOING.

ANY ONE OF
THOSE WOUNDS
WOULD HAVE BEEN
FATAL ON ITS
OWN.

THIS
IS THE NOTE
FOUND IN HIS
MOUTH.

THE Student
has
become
THE MASTER

I'LL BE
BACK.



«DON MIGUEL, A FUGITIVE WHO WAS THE SUBJECT OF A NATIONWIDE MANHUNT AFTER A BRAZEN ESCAPE FROM CARANDIRU PENITENTIARY EARLIER THIS MONTH, WAS FOUND DEAD AFTER A HIT-AND-RUN AUTOMOBILE ACC--»

«KINJO CASTLE MOURNS TODAY, AS THE BODY OF SENSEI TAKASHI NAKATA WAS DISCOVERED IN THE TEMPLE, APPARENTLY BEATEN TO DEATH DURING THE NIGHT--»

«--ACTING ON AN ANONYMOUS TIP, POLICE DISCOVERED DOZENS OF MEMBERS OF WHAT OFFICIALS HAVE DUBBED A DEATH FIGHT CLUB DEAD IN A PIT NORTH OF HARSTAD THIS MORNING. AUTHORITIES ARE WORKING--»

ghost-maker?

SOMEONE'S KILLING MY MENTORS.
MINE AND BATMAN'S.

THEY'RE KILLING
THEM, USING THEIR
EXPERTISE AGAINST
THEM.

did you...
have you called
batman? he
should *know*
about this.

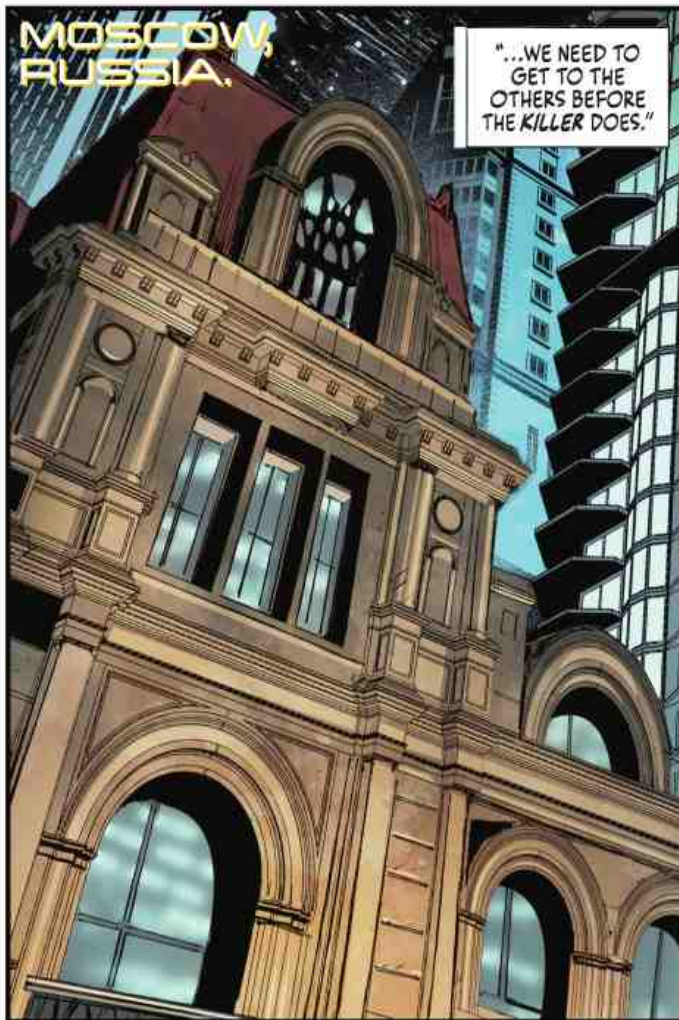
HE'S IN ATLANTIS AT THE MOMENT.
UNREACHABLE.

EVEN IF HE
WERE...THIS IS *OUR*
CASE, NOT *HIS*.

WHOEVER KILLED TOMMY, MIGUEL,
TAKASHI NAKATA, AND THE NORWEGIANS
IS THE *SAME PERSON* WHO BEAT US TO
LEX'S LABORATORIES.

LEAVING
NOTES TO TAUNT
ME.

NOW THAT
WE KNOW THAT
THEY'RE AFTER MY
MENTORS...





«SHOOT
ON SIGHT!»



WINGMAN, YOU TAKE
CARE OF THE GUARDS.
I'LL GET AVERY.

NO PROBLEM.



«NO, PLEASE! DO
NOT HURT ME.
PLEASE, I BEG
OF YOU.»

IT'S OKAY,
AVERY.



WE'RE
HERE TO
HELP.

PLEASE, I'M
JUST A DECOY. I'M
NOT REALLY A--

HA!



I HEARD THAT
GHOST-MAKER HAD
HIMSELF A SMALL
ARMY.



THOUGH I MUST ADMIT THAT I AM
MORE THAN A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED
THAT HE SENT HIS FOOT SOLDIERS
AND DIDN'T COME HERE TO
KILL ME HIMSELF.



CENTRAL
SURINAME
NATURE
RESERVE



THERE.

OKAY, GHOST-MAKER
SAID THIS GUY HAD BEEN
A **REAL MONSTER**, BUILDING
TRAPS AND TORTURE DEVICES
FOR ANYONE WHO HAD
THE CASH.

UNTIL
HE HAD SOME SORT
OF COME-TO-GOD MOMENT,
LEAVING IT ALL BEHIND AND
MOVING...**HERE**.



HE MAY
HAVE GIVEN
UP THE
LIFE...



...BUT **OLD HABITS**
AND ALL THAT.



THANK YOU,
JIRO.

I'M NOT USED TO THIS
OPPRESSIVE HEAT.
IT IS CLOUDING
MY MIND.

I WILL DO
BETTER.



NO
PROBLEM.

I JUST
HAPPEN TO
HAVE A **KEEN**
EYE FOR
THESE--



SNAP

CRAP.



DID GHOST-MAKER SEND YOU?



HEDLEY,
BRITISH COLUMBIA,
CANADA.

DAMMIT. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO REACH BATMAN. I CANNOT GET THROUGH ON ANY OF THE EMERGENCY LINES.

GHOST-MAKER SAID HE ALREADY--

YES, YES. GHOST-MAKER SAID HE TRIED TO CONTACT HIM, BUT I WANTED TO TRY FOR MYSELF. WHAT IF HE DECIDED TO KEEP THIS FROM BATMAN SO THAT HE MIGHT REAP ALL THE GLORY FOR HIMSELF?

YOU'VE BEEN ON HIS CASE SINCE THE START. YOU HAVE TO GIVE HIM A CHANCE.

NO, I DO NOT THINK I DO.

YEESH. WHAT SORT OF CHEMIST DID GHOST-MAKER SAY THIS GUY WAS?

HE TAUGHT BATMAN AND HIM HOW TO MAKE THEIR...YOU KNOW, THEIR SMOKE BOMBS, EXPLOSIVES. THINGS THAT GO BOOM. BOMBS AND POISONS AND MORE.

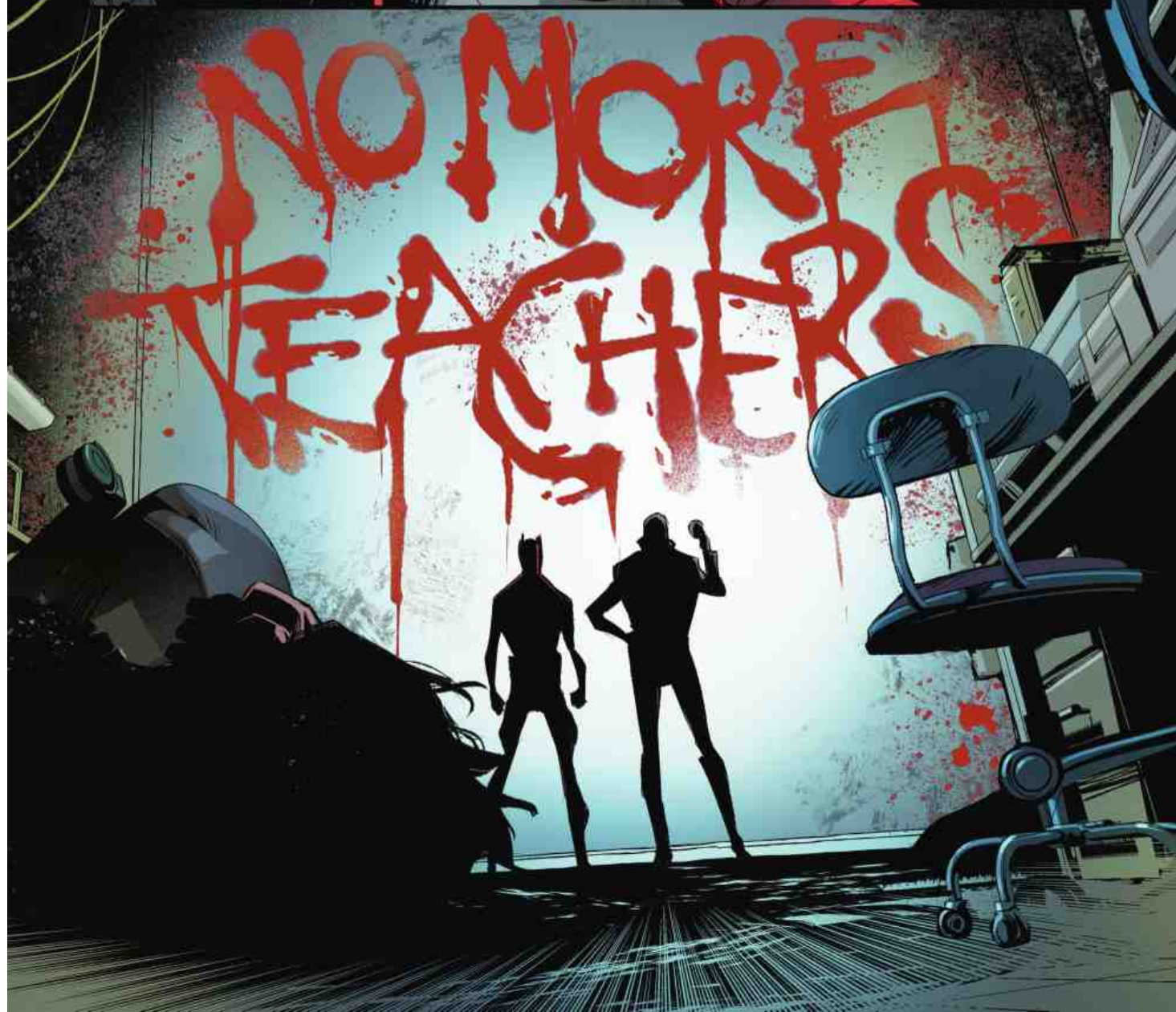
I DON'T KNOW...

...I'VE SEEN SETUPS LIKE THIS BEFORE AND THEY WEREN'T USED FOR MAKING BAT-GADGETS. THIS LOOKS LIKE A DRUG LAB.

WHATEVER IT'S FOR, I DON'T THINK THAT DR. LENTZ IS GOING TO BE MAKING MUCH OF ANYTHING ANYMORE.

THEY...WHAT DID THEY DO TO HIM?!

OTHER THAN KILL HIM?



DUBLIN,
IRELAND.

THE
BLOOD STARTS
HERE.

WHOEVER
KILLED TOMMY
TIVANE HAD BEEN
CHASING HIM FOR
BLOCKS.

ALL THE
WAY FROM DRUID'S
TAVERN.

DETECTIVES
ARE INTERVIEWING
THE DRUNKS RIGHT
NOW. SO FAR, NO
ONE'S SEEN A
DAMN THING.



LOOKS LIKE
MORE THAN
ONE BLOOD
TRAIL.

MAYBE OUR
MAN TOMMY GOT
ONE IN ON HIS
ATTACKER?

COULD
BE.



AND
MAYBE THE
KILLER DROPPED
SOMETHING AS
A RESULT.



OH...
NO...

SHANGHAI,
CHINA.

pretty big
city. how are
you going to find
skyspider?

I'VE SPENT A LOT OF
TIME IN SHANGHAI. I
KNOW THE CITY
LIKE THE BACK OF
MY HAND.

STILL, I
DON'T THINK WE'LL
NEED TO LOOK FAR.
I SUSPECT SHE'S BEEN
FOLLOWING US SINCE
WE ENTERED CHINESE
AIRSPACE.

SHE DOESN'T KNOW YOU. COULD
BE SHE'S WAITING TO SUSS OUT
WHO YOU ARE AND WHY
YOU'RE HERE.

HANG BACK
UNTIL I SAY
OTHERWISE.

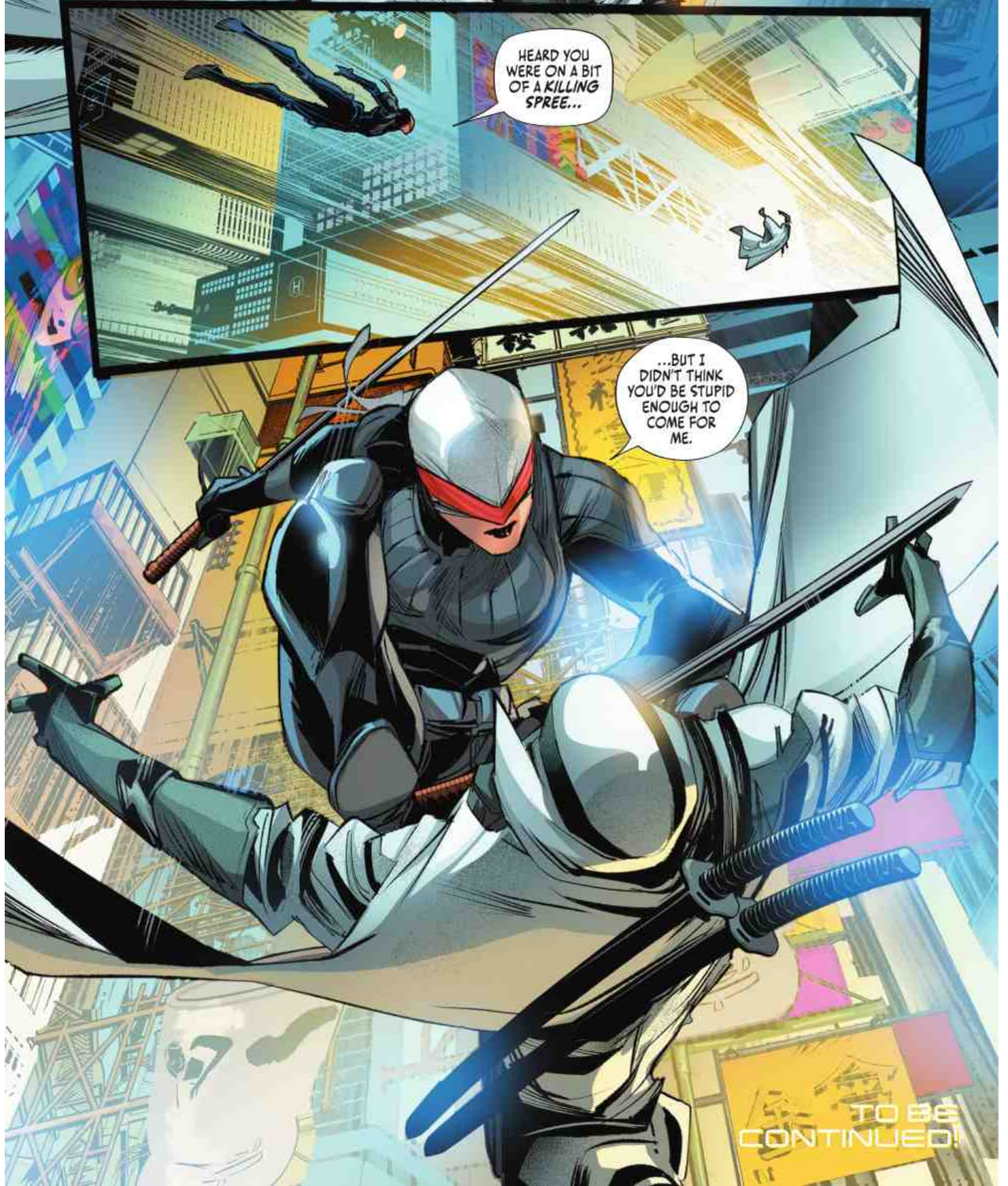
I KNOW
YOU'RE OUT THERE,
SKYSPIDER!

I UNDERSTAND
YOU'RE PROBABLY
STILL MAD AT ME FOR HOW
I LEFT THINGS, BUT TRY TO
GET OVER IT. THIS IS
BIGGER THAN--

SHIK



THERE
YOU ARE.

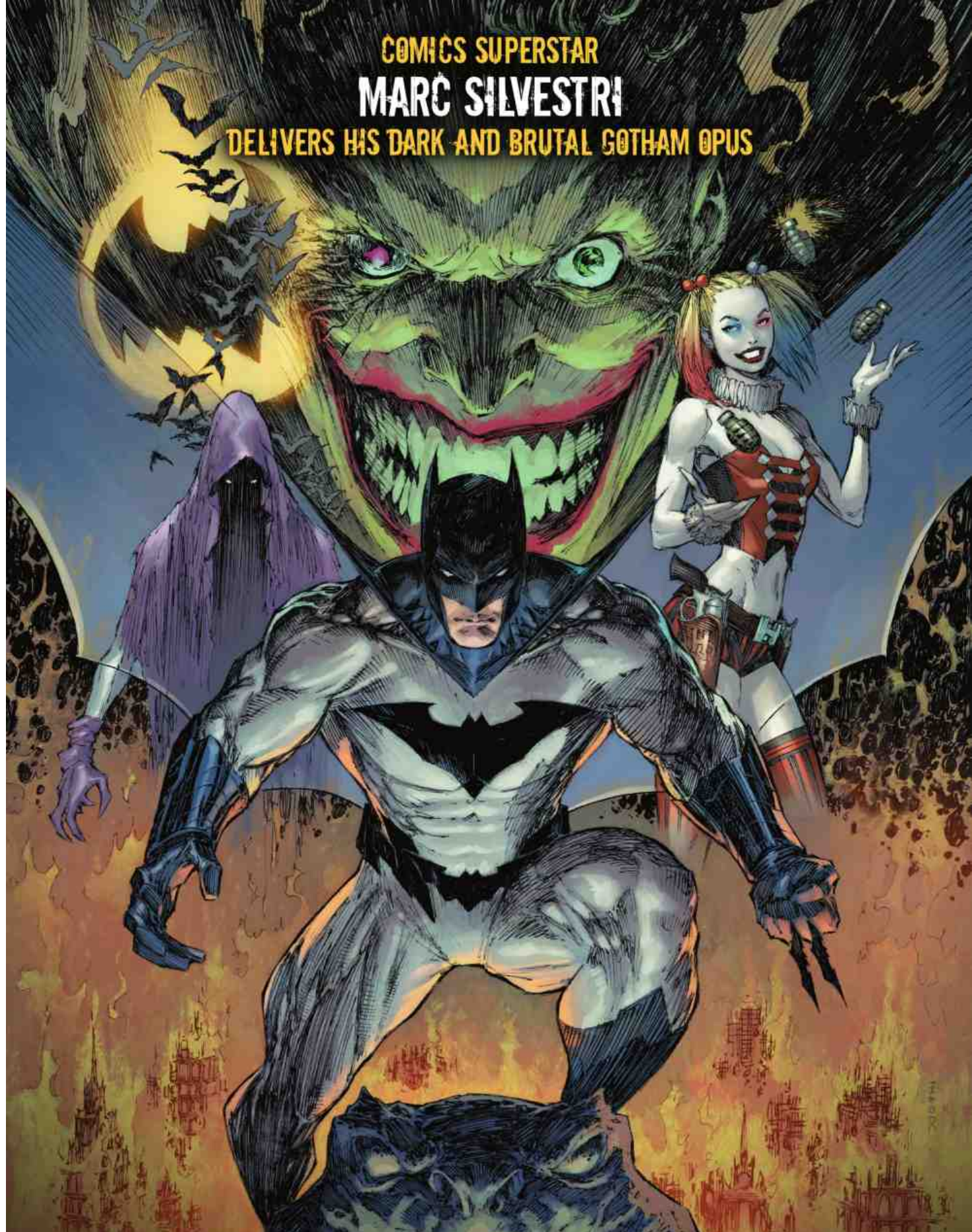


HEARD YOU
WERE ON A BIT
OF A KILLING
SPREE...

...BUT I
DIDN'T THINK
YOU'D BE STUPID
ENOUGH TO
COME FOR
ME.

TO BE
CONTINUED!

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MARC SILVESTRI
DELIVERS HIS DARK AND BRUTAL GOTHAM OPUS



BATMAN & THE JOKER

THE DEADLY DUO

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MEET THE DARK KNIGHT'S NEWEST PARTNER: HIS GREATEST ENEMY!

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LABEL**
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C'MON, DUDE, SERIOUSLY? FOR THE LAST TIME, SIT!

CUTE AND DUMB...STORY'A MY LIFE...

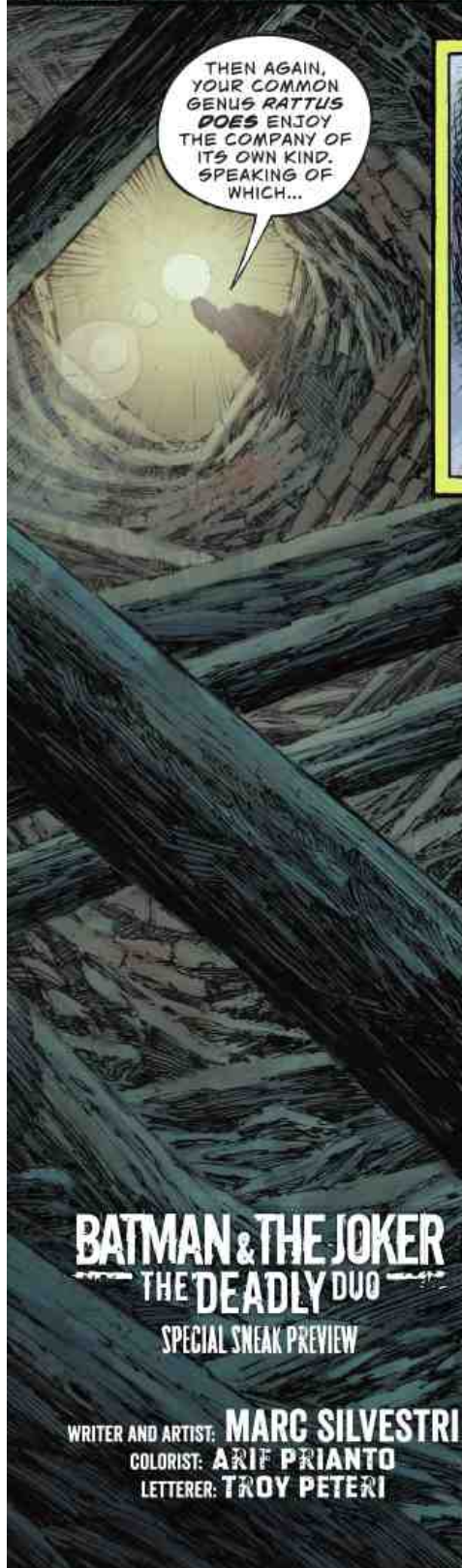


IF I WAS A RAT, I'D PROBABLY DATE YOU.

HERE.



NICE TO SEE YOU MAKING FRIENDS...



THEN AGAIN, YOUR COMMON GENUS *RATTUS* DOES ENJOY THE COMPANY OF ITS OWN KIND. SPEAKING OF WHICH...



...DO YOU REALLY THINK HE'LL COME FOR YOU?



AND WHEN WE'RE DONE, WE'RE GONNA *CHOP* YA INTO KIBBLE, AND FEED YOUR LOSER \$\$\$ TO ALL MY LITTLE PALS.

OH, HARLEY. WELL...

OH, YOU *BETCHA!* MY PUDDIN'S GONNA COME BUSTIN' IN HERE LIKE A PASTY-FACED RAMBO AND FILL YOUR STUPID NOGGIN WITH LEAD... THEN HE'LL SWEEP ME UP IN HIS ARMS AND WE'LL MAKE OUT LIKE CRAZY, FOR HOURS AND HOURS.

BATMAN & THE JOKER

THE DEADLY DUO

SPECIAL SNEAK PREVIEW

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"...I GUESS WE'LL FIND OUT, WON'T WE?"

THE BOWERY.

SO DISPATCH GETS A FEW CALLS ABOUT A BUNCH OF SCREAMING AND YELLING, NOT UNUSUAL FOR THE AREA.

THEN CALLS COME IN ABOUT **GUNSHOTS**. ALSO, NOT UNUSUAL.

BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, "UNUSUAL" DOESN'T QUITE CUT IT.

THE DECEASED WAS ONE **RYAN LANG**. FORMER P.D. NEIGHBORS SAID HE RARELY HAD VISITORS AND PRETTY MUCH KEPT TO HIMSELF.

LOOKS LIKE HE WAS TUCKED IN FOR A LONELY NIGHT OF **SOLITAIRE**...

...BUT MAYBE NOT SO ALONE, EH?

HARVEY BULLOCK IS A GOOD COP.

ANYWAY, THE PERP GOT WHAT HE WANTED AND FLED THE SCENE. ELEVATOR WASN'T THERE BUT SINCE HE JUST MURDERED AN EX-COP, HE WAS PROBABLY IN A HURRY SO DIDN'T WAIT.

KEEP IN MIND, THAT'S A **FIVE-STORY** DROP.

GOTHAM HAS TEETH THAT CAN SOMETIMES GNAW THE GOOD RIGHT OUT OF A MAN...BUT NOT BULLOCK. NOT YET.

WITNESS ON THE STREET SAID HE SAW A TALL, SKINNY DUDE WITH A **WHITE FACE** RUNNING OUT OF THE BUILDING AND HOLDING WHAT HE **THINKS** WAS A BOWLING BALL.





MAGNUM
ROUND WOULD DO
A LOT OF DAMAGE.
FROM THE LOOKS
OF THE BLOOD
SPATTER PATTERN,
IT DID. AND YET
HE MANAGED TO
GET AWAY.



WHITE SKIN.
GREEN HAIR.
BONE. LOOKS LIKE
A SKULL FRAGMENT.
SURVIVED A
HEADSHOT.



PEACHY.
AND THEN
OF COURSE
THERE'S
THIS...

GORDON
PICKED A HELL
OF A TIME TO GO
FLY-FISHING.

BREEP
BREEP



BULLOCK.
IN
PROGRESS?
WHERE?



HEY,
THERE'S
A...

...OKAY,
I'LL, AH...
JUST
MEET YOU
THERE,
THEN.



ALL I'M SAYIN' IS THAT IT'S ONE OF US UP THERE. WE SHOULD BE RUNNIN' THE SHOW, NOT GORDON'S PET BAT...

?

...WHADDAYA SAY, BLIX? AM I RIGHT OR AM I RIGHT?

BLIX, YOU STILL WITH US?

THERE ARE STILL GOOD COPS IN THIS CITY...

...COPS LIKE BULLOCK AND GORDON, WHO BELIEVE THAT WHAT THEY DO MATTERS--AND WHAT THEY DON'T DO MATTERS JUST AS MUCH.

DETECTIVE BLIX AND HIS CRONIES AREN'T THOSE COPS.

I PULL OUT OF MY DIVE A FEW FEET LOWER THAN NECESSARY.

DICK OFTEN POINTS OUT THAT I LACK A SENSE OF HUMOR...

HEY! MY HAIR!



ALL UNITS IN THE VICINITY, BE ADVISED OF A DISTURBANCE AT THE CANAL ST. STATION APARTMENTS...

TO BE CONTINUED IN
BATMAN / THE JOKER:
DEADLY DUO #1
ON SALE IN NOVEMBER

...SUSPECT IS DESCRIBED AS A TALL MALE HAVING WHITE SKIN...
...AND GREEN HAIR.

FRANK WUZ HERE



NOBODY SAID IT WOULD BE EASY.

PROTECTING GOTHAM FROM CORRUPTION AND
CHAOS IS JUST ANOTHER DAY ON THE JOB.



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THE BLUE WALL

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BLACK ADAM



Who is Hawkman in *Black Adam*?

Hawkman, a.k.a. Carter Hall, is a character who has the power to reincarnate. In his first life he was an Egyptian prince named Khufu, and he found this Thanagarian metal called Nth metal, which he could use to defy gravity and fly. For him, he uses the metal and applies it to being a warrior. He's just a man with fully fortified moral values, but is still a fierce fighter.

Did you do a deep dive into any comics when researching the role?

I'm a big comic book person! It started when I was three years old and my mom gave me a Batman toy. I love comics and grew up on them, with the creativity and imagination that lives in the superhero world. This was kind of one of those bucket-list things. There was this standalone *Hawkman* series that I loved, then I read all the *JSA* stuff as well.

What is Hawkman's relationship with Black Adam like?

They are on two opposite sides of the same goal and have very different ways of trying to get there. I think Hawkman sees a feral beast in Black Adam that mirrors his own past. However, Hawkman now has a renewed sense of justice after his time spent in the Justice Society. So I think Hawkman sees potential in Black Adam, but also this massive threat.

What was it like working with Dwayne Johnson on this film?

Working with Dwayne has been cool. He's got a great attitude, a really good energy, and is always supportive. He already looks like a superhero, so there's that too. The thing I like most about Black Adam is he's not a straightforward superhero, and I think that presents a great acting challenge for Dwayne. He's able to convince the audience to really get on this guy's team, even though he's a little wild.



IN THEATERS BEGINNING OCTOBER 21!

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